Conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad-Parbhani Parali-Vaijnath line to broad gauge

1233. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has proposed to the Central Government to work out a cost-sharing scheme for the conversion of Manmad Aurangabad-Parbhani Parli-Vaijnath metre-gauge rail line into broad-gauge line on the pattern of Mankhurd-Belapur railway line; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Maharashtra Government has offered for the Gauge Conversions in Marathwada region, to do earthwork under Employment Guarantee Scheme and to share cost by issue of debentures to be recovered subsequently by levy of surcharge on the users. Maharashtra Government has been advised that since their proposal will have impact on their Plan finances, they may first send their specific proposals to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Cranes and Heavy equipment for Bombay and Nhava Sheva port trust

1234. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay Port Trust/the Nhava Sheva Port Authorities have placed orders for cranes and other heavy engineering equipment with M/s W.M.I. Cranes Limited, Bombay during the last three years; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Company has failed to execute various contracts of other port trusts in the country and at times supplied low-standard products; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken against the Company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The poor performance of the firm in the work awarded to them by Paradip Port has been brought to the notice of all major ports by the Government, Kandla port has levied full compensation against the firm as provided in Contract Agreement.

Marketing of combination of drugs as new drug category

1235. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the guidelines issued by Government combination of drugs and vaccines though allowed for marketing alone are treated under the new drug category and are to be released for marketing by Government;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for clearing combination of drugs and vaccines by State drug authorities without even referring to the Central Government;

(c) what are the names of the combination of drugs and vaccines allowed for marketing by each State drug authorities alongwith the reasons and justification; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The individual drug and individual vaccine already registered for marketing when combined for the first time is considered 'new' drug as per the guidelines on introduction of new drugs. However, these guidelines are not yet

statutory, and as a result some State Drug Controllers in consultation with their local experts license combination of drugs and combination of vaccines, as they do not strictly consider such combinations as new drugs. The names of combinations of drugs and vaccines licensed for marketing by the State Licensing Authorities as available is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 65.]

(d) Government has initiated steps to make guidelines on introduction of new drugs including the definition of the term 'new drug' statutory.

The combinations cleared by the State Licensing Authorities would be reviewed by a Sub-Committee constituted by the Government to advise Government on the continued marketing of formulations including combinations moving in the market on the basis of safety, efficacy and rationality.

Allotment of railway bookstalls to unemployed graduates

1236. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria taken into account for fixing the ceiling limit in the holding of bookstalls by unemployed graduates at five;

(b) whether the said ceiling limit has not been implemented in the case of M|s. A. H. Wheeler & Co. if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the grounds for allotting additional bookstalls to M|s. A. H. Wheeler & Co. during the last 3 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The extant policy is that, except where it is otherwise provided in the agreement, allotment of additional bookstalls to the contractors (other than partnerships of Unemployed Graduates) already holding 5 or more bookstalls requires prior permission from the Ministry of Railways. In the case of partnerships of Unemployed Graduates, permission of Ministry of Railways is required for additional allotment only when they are holding more than 12 bookstalls.

(b) M|s. A. H. Wheeler are holding higher number of stalls as per terms of their Agreement with the Railways.

(c) No additional bookstalls have been allotted to M|s. A. H. Wheeler & Co. during the last 3 years.

World Cup Cricket Tournament

1237. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of matches for the World Cup Cricket tournament are likely to be played in India; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for making preparations for the matches?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Organising Committee nominated by the Board of Control for Cricket in India, which is concerned with the matter, is already making necessary preparations, according to the information received from the committee.

Double rail line between Burdwan and Rampur in West Bengal

1238. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to lay double rail line between Burdwan and Rampurhat in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?